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**The Cost Of Freedom**

Mark 15:16-41

**Key Truth:** Jesus suffered humiliation and the cross for our good and God’s glory.

**Jesus Paid The Price We Could Never Pay:**

1. Jesus death fulfills prophecy and satisfies the wrath

 of God. **Isaiah 53:4-6, Psalm 22:16-18, Psalm 69:21**

2. Jesus made a way for humanity to be reconciled

 back to God. **2 Corinthians 5:17**

**Why The Price Was Necessary:**

1. God is Holy, and we are not. **1 John 1:5**

2. We cannot save ourselves. **Genesis 2:16-17, Romans 6:23,**

 **1 Corinthians 15:21-23**

3. God’s wrath is real. **Romans 5:6-11**

**What We Can Learn From This:**

1. God loves us.

2. God takes sin seriously.

3. Righteousness will always triumph over evil.

4. Jesus Christ is our example of how to respond to

 unjust suffering. **1 Peter 3:8-17**

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Thank God for sending Jesus to die for our sins. Pray that we would remember the suffering of our King so that we might truly appreciate what we have been given in Him.

**Connection Group Homework**

Looking back at your notes, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

The crucifixion of Jesus is one of the most well-known stories in the Bible. Is there a particular detail that sticks out to you when you think about the crucifixion? Why?

Is it possible to be too familiar with this story? Why or why not?

What are some of the reasons it’s important for us to read and think deeply about the crucifixion over and over again?

Read Mark 15:16-20: Looking at the actions of those in the courtyard, what kinds of things can you see in their hearts?

Why did the soldiers choose these ways to mock Jesus? What’s the irony of what they did to Jesus in these verses?

Read Mark 15:37-39: Notice in verse 38 that the curtain was ripped from top to bottom. Do you remember why the curtain was in the temple? What was it meant to separate?

Why is it significant that it was ripped, and ripped from top to bottom?

Jesus’ response to the suffering He endured serves as an example in our own life challenges. How can the following passages encourage you when it comes to following Jesus’ example?

Hebrews 4:14-16

2 Corinthians 1:3-7